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1. Residents of the border sections near Caribrod, Yugoslavia and Breznik, Trun and Kyustendil in Bulgaria [REDACTED] work is continuing on 25X1X ground fortifications and trenches on the Bulgarian side of the border.
2. All government employees between 15 and 50 years of age attend civil defense training on all working days between 5:30 and 7:00 a.m. All older students also get civil defense and weapon training.

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3. [REDACTED] talked to a supply officer of the Sofia Central Prison and understood that General Slavcho Trunski and Colonel Dencho Znepolski had been "liquidated".¹

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4. [REDACTED] the absence of Soviet troops in Sofia, [REDACTED] strong Voroshilov type tank columns, manned by unspecified personnel, moved through Sofia several nights in June, going in the direction of Slivnitsa.

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5. [REDACTED] a soldier, on a business trip to Sofia from the Kazanluk tank base, report that base personnel were currently training in Voroshilov² type Soviet tanks described as 60 tons with a speed of 60 kilometers per hour, possibly having two engines of 670 horsepower each. The soldier further stated that Stalin type tanks were expected shortly at the base and that no furloughs are permitted.
6. The government shoe factory, 9 September, located in the Konyuvitsa environs of Sofia, burned. The general opinion is that it was an act of sabotage. No mention was made of the incident in the press.

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7. [REDACTED] "numerous" military personnel, mostly artillery troops, board and descend from trains at the Kostenets railroad station. [REDACTED] there is a military camp in the area.

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8. Frequent "address card" checks occurred in Sofia from June to August, usually at 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. There were also weekly checks in some city areas.
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9. [REDACTED] the mass of Bulgarian Communist Party members are disillusioned and many are ready to defect if given assurance of asylum. The Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and Radio Goryanin are very popular. However, there exists some dissatisfaction on the part of the Bulgarian people with the fact that the aggressive exhortation of these radios is not followed by concrete instructions on action to be taken; whereas the BBC and Paris and Belgrade radios give calmer estimates of the situation and therefore often are accorded greater respect. An aggressive attitude on the part of the population toward the government is mounting, but the Militia are numerous and the State Security is active and effective.
10. On the heights four kilometers west of Dospat source saw several month-old trenches; eight kilometers southwest of Dospat and two kilometers north of the Dospat River there were freshly dug trenches.
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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is invited to [REDACTED] which is one of several recent reports of the arrest of General Trunski.
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2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] Voroshilov name to describe tanks which he indicated were similar to German World War II models.